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President's Page

Bryan Burke, CSNA LM 2-1

Beautiful Show, Beautiful Workers, Beautiful Crowds

While the above bold statements almost say it all, there are a couple other observations to add.

We must recognize that this successful show was not the effort of one or two persons. While Randy Briggs worked diligently to insure the success of the show, he has pointed out that many others made contributions which produced one of the best CSNA has ever had.

Also, a huge thanks must go to the dealers who were willing to put up their money to make the whole event possible.

There is no way to thank all those who had a hand in the favorable outcome. Nevertheless, here is an attempt to recognize those who should receive attention for providing this oustanding weekend.

FIND YOUR NAME AND KNOW THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED A BIG THANKS FROM THE CSNA:

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As you can see, a state convention is no small job. It takes many people to make these events a success.

An additional thanks to those collectors and dealers who personally sought me out to thank me for an enjoyable and profitable show. Those words were welcome because I had seen so much extra effort go into this convention.

Again, thanks to all.

Editorially

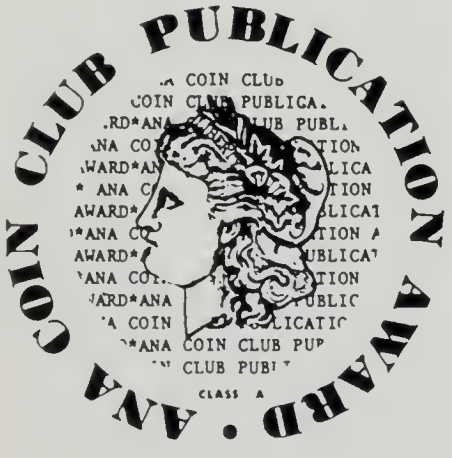
ENTHUSIASM! DEDICATION! PARTICIPATION! are words that describe the members of San Bernardino County Coin Club. For the past two years they were loyal to the club's project: "Operation Aluminum" and the results were evident at the CSNA banquet at Disneyland November 20.

Sharing an interest always makes it easier to achieve your goal, be it in the hobby field, your vocation, or a personal endeavor. Many groups are waning, membership drops, it is difficult to get officers, and the prevailing attitude most of the time is "let George do it", but George can not do it all.

A group project does wonders for the growth of a club. The inspiration it projects catches on and soon everyone is looking forward to the next meeting. When the progress realized is given in the terms "we" which means everyone there, it becomes a source of personal pride.

If your club members have lost some of their enthusiasm, why not be the spark-plug of the new idea department. There are many worthwhile projects you can participate in as a group: collect aluminum for recycling and fatten up your treasury at the same time you are cleaning up the environment; start a cent collection for a local museum to be donated in the name of the club (you add the new cents each year to keep it current); collect and sell newspapers for club donations to your favorite charity; start a junior education program within your own club members.

Start NOW to put some E D P into your club.



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Weight Correct?

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Since time immemorial, when man started to develop trade, it has been his great concern to receive value for his money. To enable him to carry out this noble pursuit, scales of every imaginable design have been used and are still being used today.

However, there's been a long period in history whereby the main medium of exchange itself, e.i. the coin, could be questionable with regard to its fineness and weight. During that period which mainly lasted from about the 16th to the 18th century, we see the rather extensive use of coin scales. These scales were mostly used to test the gold coins of a particular period. The intrinsic value being all-important made it compulsory for anyone handling gold coins to ensure that only a minimum of weight was lost due to normal wear or clipping. As a result, the use of coin scales was widespread among tradespeople, banks, and in offices.

At the time, the use of gold coins was not confined to any boundaries and in particular in the West European countries a large variety of gold coins circulated widely, which made the use of scales imperative. To assist the people concerned, official and sometimes private lists and illustrated booklets were issued to keep the user informed about the gold species in circulation at the time regarding correct weight and fineness.

The scales themselves were precision-made by specialists in the field and were housed in attractive wooden boxes together with the necessary weights. The pair that I have is clearly illustrated on the introductory photo page of Stefanelli's book on coins and is of French origin dated from around 1700. A short list denoting the correct weight of various gold coins in grains is pasted inside the lid of the box, a practice which was widely adhered to. The box contains a large variety of square, marked brass plates of different sizes and thicknesses together with a set of 5 round weights which fit snugly into each other. The general appearance of the latter is that of a small patty cake and is also clearly illustrated in a 16th century painting of Quentin Metsys. A beautiful colour picture of this painting is depicted in a number of coin books and shows a Flemish banker and his wife in the process of weighing gold coins. Usually, but not always, the scale taking the coin is of a triangular shape whilst the one taking the weights was round.

A scale of French origin dating from around 1700. — Photo courtesy of Norman Sturgess.

Scales with square weights bearing imprint of coin or portion thereof, making them easy to recognize. — Photo courtesy of Norman Sturgess.

We see that by the above system of weighing, a certain period of time was wasted with sorting out the correct weight and therefore, many of the larger boxes show a marked improvement insofar as the coin weights are concerned. We note that the weights are mostly of a square shape and bear the imprint of the coin, or at least a major portion of it so that when

weighing a varied number of different coins the weights were easy recognizable and thus the time of handling was reduced to a minimum.

The number of different weights varied widely, but as many as 60 weights have been issued with some of the more elaborate boxes which for this purpose have been provided with one or more drawers. Because a certain amount of tolerance was required to account for normal wear and tear of the coins, some scales have been fitted with an additional graduated segment which was marked to give the minimum acceptable weight to which a coin had to conform to be taken at full value. The variety of gold coins as listed inside the box lid of my scales present a good picture of the coins circulating at a given time in one particular area. There are Millerets (Portuguese Milreis), Dutch and Austrian Ducats, Roman Sequins, Pistoles, Sovereign of Flanders, French golden Louis', Ecu's and British Guineas plus certain gold coins of Parma and Prussia.

As a result of a better organized coin system in most of the European countries, the coins generally stayed within the boundaries of the issuing countries, and we see that around the early 18th century the demand for coin scales is falling off and their use practically ceased for a period of about 70 years. However, due to more gold being discovered during the second half of the 18th century a marked decrease in the price of gold took place, resulting in a period of rather intensive mintage of gold coins. The coins were almost without exception of the milled-edge variety, and as clipping became more difficult the use of scales was not warranted. However, in the Netherlands in particular, the lower gold price resulted in a very large amount of old and badly worn coins being returned to the country, supplemented with coins from the Indies. The handling of the worn and often clipped gold coins made the use of coin scales necessary again and we see the reintroduction of same as a matter of utmost need.

In the years to follow after the inferior coins had been melted down, such gold species as were needed in various coin systems were generally of a high standard in a technical sense and this time the scales disappeared for good, as they had outlived their usefulness. Having played such an important part in numismatic history, we are unlucky that we all cannot have a set of scales and weights as the last coin scales were made so long ago that there simply aren't enough to go round.

As with old coins, they present to us a glorious piece of antique, representative of a period that once was.

9th Annual Numismatic Educational Symposium

William O. Wisslead
Symposium Moderator

With eight highly successful Symposiums held in as many years, CalState is making preparations for holding the 9th at the Holiday Inn in Fullerton, California (the same location as 1976). The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 1977, and promises a panel of four well-known speakers to carry on the outstanding tradition of the past Symposiums. At the present writing, the moderator reports that two speakers have already been obtained, namely: Mr. Herbert M. Bergen of Fullerton, California, Past-President of the American Numismatic Association; and Mr. Lee Kuntz of Masterpiece Medallions, Claremont, California. Program titles of these two speakers have not been made available at this writing. Two other well-known personages, William C. Henderson, Treasurer of the American Numismatic Association, and Margo Russell, editor of the Coin World have been contacted, and an answer is expected from them in the near future. We hope they will be included on the panel of four speakers.

However, the day promises to be an eventful one with the same high quality of outstanding exhibits, the noon luncheon after the first two speakers have completed their programs, and then the other two speakers after the luncheon. Ed McClung will conduct a program for the Juniors patterned along the same lines as that of last year. In the evening will be the Happy Hour, beginning at 6:00 P.M., followed by the very enjoyable banquet at 7:00 P.M. Make your plans now to attend this all-day event — mark your calendar for Saturday, March 12, 1977 and share a numismatic day with many friends.

A Glimpse Into Ethiopian Medals

CHAPTER TWO

By John E. Lenker, CSNA LM 1-21
Part Six of the Ethiopian Series

Star of Ethiopia

The Star of Ethiopia is a gold medal with red, yellow and green ribbon presented for outstanding service to the Empire. It is in the form of a five pointed star suspended from an ornate crown and is 55 X 75 mm and weighs 24 grams. The example pictured in Fig. 8 is "fifth class". It bears an inscription indicating that it was presented to "C. A. Moretti, the sculptor 24 June 1934". It is of European manufacture, probably French and also has a leather case.

Fig. 8

25th Anniversary

In 1955 another medal or series was struck to commemorate the silver (25th) anniversary of His Majesty's coronation. Again this appears in large (40.5 mm) and small (32 mm) sizes and in both gold and silver.

Obverse: The crowned heads of the emperor and empress jugated and facing left. The legend, "Haile Selassie, first, king of Kings of Ethiopia". This is about the only numismatic appearance of the Empress Waizero Manen, who is also a descendant of Solomon and Sheba and hence a distant cousin of her husband. (Fig. 9)

Reverse: A view of the royal palace under which is its name "Prince's Paradise". The legend around the top is "Commemoration of the 25th year of coronation 1948" (1955) (Fig. 10).

As these are thinner than the coronation series, they are also lighter. One example of the smaller gold medal weighs 13.7 grams and another weighs 13.8 g.

Fig. 9

Fig. 10

Presentation

Another attractive medal has been issued by Emperor Haile Selassie, which is often referred to as a presentation medal since examples of it were frequently presented to civilians for outstanding services. It was probably first issued around 1960. It also appears in large (40 mm) and small (30.5 mm) sizes. These were probably struck only in gold. There seems to be two varieties of the smaller medal with minor die variations. Some are 1.5 mm and others 3 mm in thickness.

Obverse: Three-quarter facing bust of the Emperor in ornamental crown, veil and robes facing left. The legend reads "Haile Selassie, first, king of kings, of Ethiopia". On the base of his bust is his coronation date 1923 EE (1930). The name of the designer, Andre Lavriller, is back on the Emperor's neck. (Fig. 11).

Fig. 11

Fig. 12

Reverse: The Ethiopian Coat of Arms with the throne of Solomon between two angels is on the reverse along with symbols including the six-pointed star, open Book and Ark of the Covenant. In front of it is the crowned Lion passant right facing and with cross and banner held over right shoulder by right paw under which in small type (sometimes almost illegible) "Lion of the Tribe of Judah". Below the coat of arms is a larger legend "Ethiopia stretches her hand to God". (Fig. 12)

In a 1971 Schulman auction there were two of the smaller medals. They weighed 20.1 grams and 21.9. In other instances a thick one weighed 25.4 g and a thin one weighed 11.6 g. The larger pieces vary but not so much, weighing 39.5, 43.5 and 44.5 grams and measuring 39.5, 40 and 40.5 mm.

The example in the American Numismatic Society collection is 40.5 mm and weighs 43.5 g. A smaller one is in the Smithsonian Institution collection being 30 mm and weighing 20.5 g. One sold in a recent Kreisberg auction for $500. It was 30 mm and weighed 20.9 g.

In February 1975 a dealer had one of the larger pieces (40 mm and 44.37 g and offered for sale for $1,250. Later another dealer acquired it in a trade which made the cost to him around $1,000.

Exposition Medal

In 1967 a medal 38.8 mm was struck in bronze and silver by Franklin Mint and issued by His Imperial Majesty at Montreal in connection with the opening of the Ethiopian building at the exposition and also His Majesty's 75th birthday, which was the summer before. The .999 fine silver are in 200 sets and are numbered 1 through 400. The sterling pieces are numbered 401 through 1,000. One gold specimen was presented to His Majesty. The bronze pieces were sold at the exhibit.

Obverse: The bare head of the emperor facing three quarters to the left. The legend and date are in both English and Amharic. It reads "H.I.M. Haile Selassie I, Emperor of Ethiopia 1967."

Others

There were many military decorations and medals issued. Some seen occasionally on photographs of military personnel include: Blue Nile medal, Menelik II for

Fig. 13

bravery and heroism, Victory Star of Ethiopia, Recognition of Resistance, Distinguished Service and those for various campaigns. In a 1955 Silver Anniversary photograph the emperor appears with a number of medals and decorations which are unidentified but give the numismatist an idea of what medals exist. (Fig. 13) Some appear to bear his own likeness probably indicating his leadership in taking his empire back from the Italians in 1941.

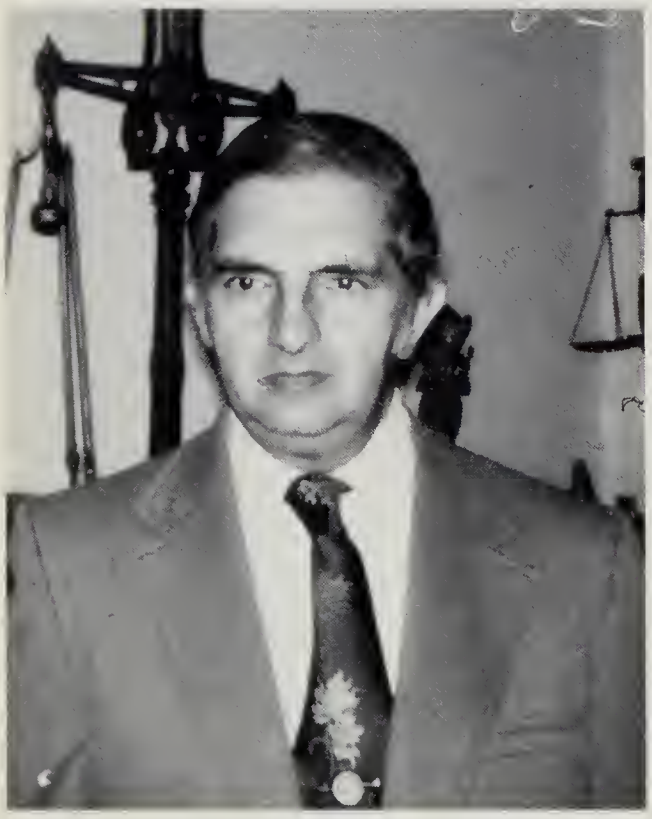
In later photographs His Majesty, having received so many citations and medals from foreign countries, appears with their ribbons only on his chest, the medals being too bulky. Since he was a leader in the creation of the Organization of African States he certainly must have been bemedaled for this outstanding work of his life.

A special medal was issued to those in Ethiopia's force sent to Korea to serve with the United Nations Forces. It appears to be silver. (Fig. 14)

Part seven in the Ethiopian Series will appear in a future issue of Calcoin News.

Fig. 14

Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics



NORMAN B. STURGESS
CSNA 2070

NORMAN B. STURGESS: "A Life of Service". Service to his country in the Air Force and service to his hobby at shows and conventions.

It is little wonder that almost all of Norm's friends are coin collectors. This numismatist has been an aetive partieipant in the hobby aeross half the world from Japan to Germany. While stationed throughout the globe Norm and Bess, his artistic wife, have opened their home as a restful retreat for any coin collector traveling in the area.

Retired since 1974, Norm now devotes his tireless energy to shows and conventions in Southern California. He is the dark haired worker you have seen at many shows and eonventions moving tables, hauling cases, and assisting the dealers to set up. He is sought after by ehairmen because when he takes a job the person in charge can forget that job and worry about others.

Retired may be the wrong term for this collector. He has gained a goal many hobbyists seek, that of turning his avocation into a vocation. He is now working in a coin shop. His extensive baekground in eoins makes him a valuable member of the company. Fred Coops is fast to point out that Norm knows almost as much about stamps as coins which makes him a double value in the shop. Being a good salesman is not enough according to Norm. He believes that anyone in the coin business must consider himself a counselor as well. He strives to guide collectors so that they can enjoy their hobby rather than be a slave to their collection. Like any dedicated collector/dealer, he stresses knowledge of eoins, through a library, as much as completion of collections.

History has always been important to Norm. His family in his birth state, New York, traces its members back to the New Amsterdam of the Dutch patroons. In fact, one of his ancestors owned what is now called Wall Street. The document giving the details is still in existence. It clearly lists the Bogardus family as the owners. Norman is related to this historic family from both paternal and maternal lines in his family tree. He observes, honestly, that if one shook his tree some highway men would fall out as well as those who built the Empire State.

Norm and Bess were married in 1942 just before he entered the old Army Air Corps, little knowing that he would be with that service for 31 years. Duing this time, besides living all over the world, they had two children, Bryant and Christine. He and Bess are blessed with the honor of raising one of their granddaughters, Laureen. The three of them live in their large Spanish-style home in San Bernardino. The last few years of serviee were the most interesting to Norm. As a Communications Computer Programmer he had a chance to do some creative jobs in whieh he contributed new ideas to the Air Force.

Norman baeked into the hobby. When he beeame interested in getting Japanese coins older than those in eirculation while in Japan, he realized that he was aetually collecting coins. At that time he did not know that he was, more correctly, a numismatist because he was researching the eoins as well as aequiring them from Japanese dealers. When transferred to Germany, he expanded his interests to world coins. Helping to start the Ramstein Coin Club put him in with knowledgeable collectors who sharpened his interest in crowns because of their artistic appeal and historie significanee.

It was in Sembach that Norm began to see himself as a numismatist. His crown collection, naturally leaning toward the German states, is now one of the most comprehensive. By keeping his safety deposit boxes in proper order, Norm can pull any desired coin for examination or loan.

This natural neatness leaves him when it comes to his latest collecting interest, coin scales and weights. Because of his desire to know what the older crowns would buy, how much they weighed, and how they were made, Norm looked into the contemporary scales and weights used to validate the obsolete coins. He soon found that the scales and weights were as intriguing as the coins themselves. Before he knew it, he had amassed the second largest collection in England. Through his assortment of over three hundred scales and hundreds of weights, and a supportive library, he could determine the proper weight and then test any coin minted within the last few hundred years. All will admit that these scales are valuable, but storage of these is more difficult than coins because of their odd shapes and bulkiness. Norm can, nevertheless, get one out with little trouble when one is needed for a display or to utilize it to test a coin. He not only has accumulated the fabulous collection of scales but also made many new friends in England and the United States gathering them together.

Typical of most collectors, Norm has no "favorite" coin. He has books which he uses constantly, scales such as his Benjamin Martin, made about 1750, and a fine striking of a Queen Victoria gothic crown, but no absolute favorite item. He admits that there is one book he could not part with. It is **Kelly's Universal Cambist,** which lists weights, measures, and money of the entire world of 1819. It is a must for those with his collecting interests.

Denying that he is a sage, Norm nonetheless observes that 90 percent of coin collectors are missing the full fun of the hobby. From Japan to Germany, in many countries, he has noticed that 10 percent of the members of any club do all the work and have all the excitement. He confesses that his active involvement is not all altruism. He is convinced that one gets from a hobby what one puts into it. He explains that those who work for the hobby are the ones who grow with it and have the warm and enduring experiences which we all cherish so much.

In short, Norman Sturgess is one of the few members of the hobby who is a collector among collectors and a dealer among dealers. Work and dedication has made this high level of respect possible.

— Bryan Burke CSNA LM2-1

C.S.N.A. Presidential Medals To Be Presented

C.S.N.A. officers have agreed to present the remaining stock of presidential medals to member clubs. These beautiful 2" bronze medals, struck in very limited numbers by the prestigious Medallic Art Co., will be shipped to member clubs soon.

Ten of the past presidents of C.S.N.A. have been honored by these medals over the years. A presentation set of three pieces, gold, silver and bronze was presented to the outgoing president upon completion of his term of office. Additional bronze and silver specimens were struck for sale to interested members. All medals were serial numbered and all silver pieces have been sold.

Following is a record of pieces struck in addition to the presentation set:

EMMONS	Silver	75	Bronze	150
MITCHELL	"	50	"	100
PANOSH	"	75	"	150
BOWERS	"	30	"	50
McARTHUR	"	30	"	50
BERGEN	"	30	"	50
LISS	"	30	"	40
OSBORNE	"	30	"	50
HARLEY	"	30	"	50
KAPPEN	"	30	"	50

Attention Juniors

The Junior Scholarship Program plans to sponsor young numismatists at the 9th Annual Educational Symposium again this coming March 12, 1977. The symposium will be held at the Holiday Inn, Fullerton, Ca. near the Riverside Freeway and Harbor Blvd.

Please have your club secretary send your name, address, age and phone number, plus a short resume of your numismatic activities to: JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, P. O. Box 499, Colton, Ca. 92324. Applications must be received by February 12, 1977 to be eligible.

The scholarship winners will be selected by the program committee and notification will be made by phone. Be sure to get your application in early.

The Slate of the Candidates

The policy of the California State Numismatic organization is to maintain a balance of officers located in the northern and the southern portions of the state. With this in mind, the nominating committee, consisting of Chairman Don Thrall and committee members Clifford Liss and Jerry Kroeger, made their recommendations at the Anaheim/Disneyland convention meeting. However, floor nominations were made for several candidates located in southern California. When you receive your ballot, you are encouraged to note the location of each candidate and to vote so that a balance is maintained with approximately the same number of officers located in each half of the state.

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For President . . . vote for one

JOHN E. LENKER, immediate past president of the San Bernardino County Coin Club, was a member of the first CSNA Board of Directors in 1948. He served as president of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society in 1945 and has held offices in several clubs throughout Southern California. He is a retired newspaper editor, has won literary awards for his writing, and is a dedicated numismatist.

STUART EDGERTON of San Diego is a past Treasurer of CSNA. He is retired from the U. S. Navy. He served as assistant general chairman of the ANA's 77th Anniversary Convention in San Diego in 1969 and as assistant general chairman of the CSNA 55th Semi-Annual Convention in San Diego. He is currently CSNA's Custodian of Educational Material.

For Vice-President

ALBERT K. HALL, of Colton, is president of the San Bernardino County Coin Club as well as the Redlands Coin Club. He has been general chairman of the San Bernardino club shows in 1974-75-76 and exhibit chairman of the 57th and 59th CSNA conventions. He has had several articles published and won literary awards with both CSNA and NASC. He is an active member in several local clubs and available for speaking engagements. He served on the San Bernardino Bicentennial Commission.

For Treasurer

RUTH PHILLIPS, of Fresno, has been Treasurer for the past two years. She regularly handles post convention publicity. Ruth was the first woman elected president of Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. She has served as general chairman of CSNA's 50th and 58th semi-annual conventions. She is editor for the Fresno Numismatic Society.

For Secretary

CHARLES COLVER, of Covina, has been secretary of CSNA since 1965 and previously served as assistant editor of **Calcoin News**. He was awarded the CSNA "Medal of Merit" in 1970 and has received three silver literary award medals. He was a member of the 1974 U. S. Assy Commission and was the first recipient of the Numismatic Ambassador Award presented by Krause Publications.

For Board Members . . . vote for six

VINCE BERETTA, of Sacramento, is presently a member of the CSNA board of directors. He has served on the exhibiting and judging committees for several conventions and has conducted exhibiting forums. He has won Best-of-Show several times and has had several articles published on numismatic information. He is promoting a permanent display of Sacramento material in a Sacramento museum.

CATHARINE EDGERTON, of San Diego, is a past president of the San Diego Numismatic Society. She was general chairman of the CSNA's 55th Semi-Annual Convention in San Diego and currently serving on the board of directors. She is an avid exhibitor and also competent in judging.

FRANK STRAZZARINO, of San Francisco, is presently a member of the board. He was very active on the Old San Fransisco Mint Restoration Committee, and has served in all offices of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. Frank has exhibited in several state shows and has had numerous numismatic articles published.

ETHEL LENHERT, of Covina, is past president of The Upland Coin Club and has held several offices in other local clubs. She has exhibited and won many trophies, and is currently serving as CSNA club representative to NASC. She will be the general chairman of the 61st Semi-Annual Convention to be held in the Fall of 1977.

JOHN D. SEARS, of San Francisco, is one of the founders and was the first president of the San Francisco Coin Club. He is also one of the founders of the Northern California Numismatic Association and has held offices in several clubs. He likes to exhibit at conventions and has written articles for the PCNS paper contest. He has been general chairman for several CSNA's Semi-Annual Conventions, the last one being the 56th held in April 1975.

JAMES HUNT, of San Diego, CSNA life member 23-2 and member of ANA since the age of 18, Jim has been Exhibit Chairman of two CSNA Conventions, he is immediate Past President of San Diego Numismatic Society, active in exhibiting, judging, a speaker and an author.

DALE HEWLETT, of Fresno, is currently a director for Fresno Numismatic Society, a post he has held for several years. He is a high school history teacher, and an active member of the Fresno Historical Society. He enjoys exhibiting and gives talks to local clubs on both numismatics and early Californiana.

BARBARA HYDE, of Santa Ana, is currently serving as a board member and recently chaired the Young Numismatist Program at the 59th Semi-Annual Convention in Anaheim. She is a well-known designer and sculptress, served as chairman of the 1974 Assay Commission and has received the CSNA's "Medal of Merit".

The Story Behind the Nickel

The unique banquet favor you received at the CSNA 59th Semi-annual Convention is one of a kind . . .or I should say, "One of Three-of-a-kind".

The San Bernardino County Coin Club has been the host of the Fall Show for CSNA on four separate occasions. To commemorate three conventions, a large aluminum nickel has been struck.

The idea saw first light when Bryan Burke and Dan Harley found a masonite copy of an oversized coin on the street in San Bernardino about 18 years ago. As general chairman of the convention to be held in Riverside in 1958, Bryan conceived the idea of a large aluminum nickel to be given to each one attending the banquet. He took the masonite copy to a local foundry in Fontana, had the proper letters applied for the legend, and approximately 200 pieces were made.

In 1966, the show was also held at the Mission Inn, Riverside, and another 200 nickels were struck. This year a roll of 40 was prepared and through a drawing it was won by Dan Harley.

The aluminum for both the 1958 and 1966 pieces consisted of washing machine parts, automotive items, etc., all of which was donated by David Novack of San Bernardino.

The 1976 nickel is the result of a club membership project. Donations were brought to each monthly meeting and collected by Albert Hall, who exchanged it for alloyed ingots at the U. S. Reduction Co., a Fontana smelting firm. One member brought aluminum on the plane from northern California each time he flew to the southland to visit his parents. One mid-western member melted down some large cooking kettles and sent approximately 1½ pounds via the U. S. Postal Service. (I think this shows real dedication to a club project.) There were sixty-one members who participated on a regular basis and a total of 2200 pounds collected over a 2 year period. A total of 246 were issued. Each person who brought aluminum received a nickel, as well as those in attendance at the banquet.

A roll of the 1976 "Big Bison" nickels was prepared for the 59th Semi-annual Convention and it was won by Fred Coops of San Bernardino.

General Information:
- Date: 1976
- Diam.: 135mm
- Weight: Approx. 12 oz.
- Obv.: 3/16" letters — Liberty at right near rim, date at bottom. "F" mint mark at left.
- Rev. Legend: Calif. State Numismatic Assn. around left and top near rim. Disneyland in exerque.

THE 59TH SEMI-ANNUAL

Convention Highlights

By: Elizabeth L. Wisslead, CSNA #720

Our second Bicentennial Celebration was held on November 19, 20, 21, 1976, in the setting of the "Magic Kingdom", Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, Calif. CSNA's 59th Semi-annual Convention was hosted by the San Bernardino County Coin Club, with James R. 'Randy' Briggs serving as General Chairman.

The Convention Medal was designed by Virginia M. Hall, and portrayed a bicentennial theme, the reverse of the new **Bicentennial Two Dollar Bill.** This historic commemorative was inspired by the world-famous masterpiece "The Declaration of Independence, 4 July 1776 at Philadelphia" by John Trumbull.

The striking statistics are: 125 serial numbered fine silver; 2250 golden bronze of which 100 were oxidized to be placed in 100 PNC covers: 350 pure copper which were used on trophies, presented to the dealers and also to the youngsters at the special Junior Numismatist Program.

The San Bernardino County Coin Club had worked with dedication for two years to collect aluminum 'scraps' to produce the five inch buffalo nickel, struck by the 'Fontana Mint' as a special table favor for the awards banquet. More than a ton of scrap aluminum had been collected, stomped and toted, under the careful guidance of Albert K. Hall. A special Exhibit was shown during the convention of "ways to accumulate" aluminum for such a project. It was enjoyed by all who attended the three day event.

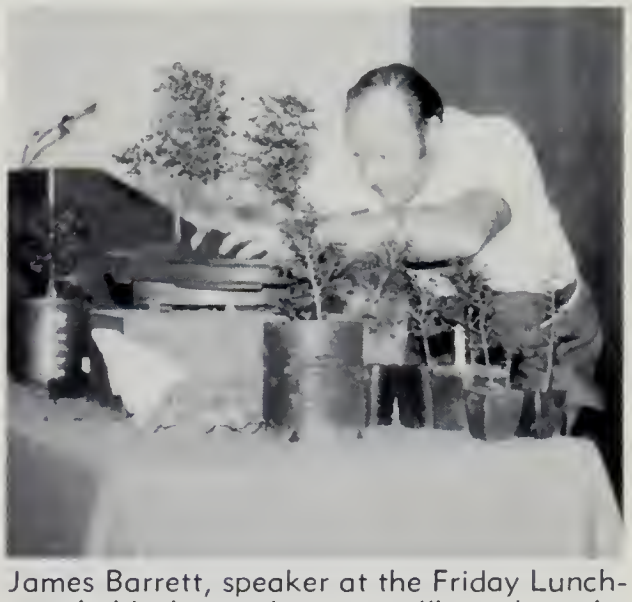
Bourse dealers arriving on Thursday evening found Nona G. Moore, Norman Sturgess, George E. Moore, and other committee workers ready to help with I.D. Badges, table assignment, 'how to run the freight elevator instructions' and in general lend a helping hand. Al and Virginia Hall, with the assistance of Dave Simpkins assisted the exhibitors who arrived early to set up displays.

10 A.M. Friday the Registration Desk, under the guidance of Charles G. Colver and Ethel Lenhert, opened to handle the 1,200 who registered for the convention and received the bronze convention medal at the bargain fee of fifty cents.

By opening time 60 bourse dealers were set up and ready to buy, trade and sell their wares in the Embassy Room. One section of the Embassy room was filled with an overflow of exhibits. Business was brisk, and there were always viewers to enjoy the outstanding displays.

Magnolia 'A' Room came alive with exhibits of The Franklin Mint material, films, coffee and gracious hospitality of Ralph A. Mitchell and his charming wife, Ruth Mitchell. Even though not on official duty, many visitors to the room were greeted by Dan Harley and Virginia Culver.

The Friday Noon Luncheon, under the leadership of Barbara Burke, Mary Colver and Virginia Hall, was attended by 57 and when it was officially closed, no one wanted to leave. The speaker, James Barrett, had fascinated everyone with his demonstration of "Japanese Bonzai Culture". Each person attending received a 'real live bonzai tree'. Other gifts were homemade pomegranate jelly, American Airlines playing cards — thanks to Paul Whitnah; cook books, needlecraft kits, crocheted afghan, hand knitted sweaters and a shell, hand made American Indian Arrowhead, crocheted scarf ring.



James Barrett, speaker at the Friday Luncheon held the audience spellbound as he spoke and artfully created a bonzai masterpiece.

The CSNA Educational Forum was held on Friday evening at 8 P.M. James A. Conlon, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D. C. traveled to Disneyland to be our featured speaker. The Forum was held in Magnolia 'C' Room with William O. Wisslead serving as Moderator. 150 persons attended to hear Mr. Conlon discuss our United States Paper Currency and particularly the "Bicentennial Two Dollar Bill". William O. Wisslead presented a plaque to Mr. Conlon in appreciation for his outstanding lecture. James R. "Randy" Briggs presented a plaque to Wisslead for arranging this Bicentennial Feature of the convention. Thirty minutes prior to his lecture and at least an hour following, Mr. Conlon was busy signing autographs on currency, particularly the $2 bill.

James A. Conlon, Dir. of Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C. receives forum speakers plaque from Moderator William O. Wisslead.

Saturday morning activities were underway at 10 A.M. with the CSNA General Business Meeting in the Cerritos Room. The CSNA Executive Board convened at 6:30 P.M. Thursday evening. President Bryan Burke presided at both functions.

Saturday afternoon, 1:30 P.M. was indeed a busy time on the convention schedule.

A CSNA Special Junior Program was held in Magnolia 'B' Room, a first for CSNA and WOWIE! 40 Juniors attended. Long range plans had been guided by Barbara A. Hyde. James A. Conlon, Director of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Washington, D.C. was a featured speaker. President Bryan Burke welcomed the Juniors and conducted a Numismatic Quiz. Special exhibits were judged by Bill Wisslead, Dorothy Baber and Dan Harley. Awards were presented. Paul Whitnah, a former ANA Young Numismatist, greeted the Juniors and encouraged them to stay active in the numismatic hobby. G. Lee Kuntz gave a demonstration on the hydraulic press. Each Junior attending received a medal, a coin, a wooden nickel, a Red Book autographed by Richard S. Yeoman. Special prizes were given for the numismatic quiz and exhibits.

HELPING HANDS — Dedicated numismatists assist at the Junior Numismatist Program: Dan Harley, Dorothy Baber; Paul Whitnah, and Bill Wisslead.

The California Exonumist Society met in the Serrano Room for the Installation of 1977-1978 Officers by Virginia Culver, and an outstanding program "Collecting Storecards from A to Z" by Jack R. Detwiler. Nate Bromberg was the Moderator. 35 attended this session. A medal of appreciation was presented to Virginia Culver and a plaque to Jack R. Detwiler.

Barbara Burke conducted a Ladies' Christmas Craft Session in the Presidential Suite with 10 ladies attending. All were enthusiastic about the program.

"SOMETHING NEW"—A Christmas Craft Session with instructoress Barbara Burke was very well received by CSNA ladies.

The CSNA Fall Awards Banquet was held at 7 P.M. in the South Ballroom with Abe Kosoff serving as Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Kosoff was, also, Honorary General Chairman of the Convention. 147 attended the Banquet to hear Dr. Larry Burgess, Curator of The Lincoln Shrine, Redlands, Calif., discuss "More on Myths after Lincoln". Dr. Burgess was presented a plaque with a Bronze Head of Lincoln mounted in a wood frame. President Bryan Burke presented special sets of Convention Medals in six metals to General Chairman James R. 'Randy' Briggs, Abe Kosoff and James A. Conlon.

The CSNA "Medal of Merit" Award was presented by President Bryan Burke to Dorothy E. Beaulieu and Ed McClung.

General Chairman James R. Briggs presents a Lincaln plaque ta banquet speaker, Dr. Larry Burgess.

Albert K. Hall announced the Exhibit Winners with the BEST OF SHOW Award going to Dan Harley for his exhibit The Waterloo Medal. Richard Lebold, President of Calif. Exonumist Society, presented the BEST IN EXONUMIA Award to Dan Harley for the Waterloo Medal exhibit.

The Roll of 40 Aluminum F-Mint Buffalo Nickels was won by Fred Coops of San Bernardino, Calif. Each person attending the banquet was given a specimen of this special Buffalo Nickel as a gift from the San Bernardino County Coin Club.

Howard and Dorothy Chase were busy with the Camera during the three days of the convention.

Dealers enjay Sunday marning Breakfast.

The Sunday morning, 9 A.M. Breakfast, seemed a more relaxed affair. Dealers, officers, committee workers and friends enjoyed the experience of sharing food, talking over the 59th semi-annual convention and making plans for the 60th semi-annual convention to be held in April 1977, Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco. 60 attended the Breakfast.

C.S.N.A. wishes to thank Rudy Gjurovich for serving as Official Greeter and "King of Koins" throughout the convention. 10 members of the Gjurovich family attended the Saturday evening banquet.

The 59th came to a close at 4 P.M. on Sunday, but the glow will linger on. Mickey Mouse could be seen in the background but did not steal the limelight from the the San Bernardino County Coin Club. CSNA SALUTES YOU!!

MEDAL OF MERIT — The highest award given by CSNA is presented by President Bryan Burke ta Ed McClung. Alsa receiving the Medal of Merit, but not shown, was Darothy Beaulieu. CONGRATULATIONS ta bath winners!

JUNIOR NUMISMATISTS EXHIBIT WINNERS! 1st, Lauis Martinez, 3rd, Maria Lapez, and 2nd, Lauis Hazen. Awards caurtesy af Franklin Mint.

JUNIOR NUMISMATISTS QUIZ WINNERS! (l ta r) Lauis Hazen, Maria Lapez, and David Berg.

AT THE BANQUET — James A Canlon and CSNA's First Lady, Barbara Burke.

Californians Honored as Numismatic Ambassadors

Dorothy Baber, receiving her Numismatic Ambassador Award from Clifford Mishler, News publisher.

Gordon Greene receives his Numismatic Ambassador Award from Krause Publications President Chester Krause. The Honor Roll plaque can be seen on the wall in back.

Two Californians were recent recipients of the Numismatic Ambassador Award given by Krause Publications. Shown here are Dorothy Baber, receiving her award from Clifford Mishler at the Tokens & Medals Society banquet held at the ANA Convention in New York City recently. Also shown is Gordon Greene, receiving his award from Chester Krause at the dedication of the new Krause Publications building in July, 1976.

The Numismatic Ambassador Award, sponsored by Numismatic News, was established in 1974 to annually recognize outstanding people from coast to coast whose extraordinary leadership, abilities, devotion, sincerity, patience, perseverance and an ability to get things done have contributed greatly to the coin hobby's development.

A permanent honor roll for Numismatic Ambassador Award recipients has been established in the visitor lobby of the new building in Iola, Wisconsin. The honor roll is a large mounted plaque and carries a dedicatory inscription — Honored for Dedicated, Selfless Devotion to Coin Collecting Goals — and individually engraved plates bearing the name of each recipient, along with the date and city of presentation.

Chuckles . . .

A Texan was playing poker with a Briton, and the Englishman drew a good card. "One pound," he said.

"I don't know how you-all count your money," the Texan grumbled, "but I raise you a ton."

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Good times are when people make debts to pay in bad times.

A London tycoon declares: "I collect gold bars. They do not burn. If you keep them in a safe they do not wear a hole in your pocket like money. . . ."

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Irate Sacramento coin dealer to tenth person calling about the value of a coin: "Hold it up to the telephone so I can see the condition!"

Convention Award Winners

GROUP A – UNITED STATES
- 1st – Connie Sharp, Port Hueneme – The Liberty Bell on U. S. Coins
- 2nd – Ruth Phillips, Fresno – Sesquicentennial Commemorative Issues
- 3rd – Frank Strazzarino, San Francisco – Low Mintage U. S. Coins

GROUP B – ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL
- 1st – Larry Tapper, Tustin – Ancient British
- 2nd – John E. Lenker, Redlands – First Cross on Coins
- 3rd – None

GROUP C – MODERN FOREIGN SINCE 1558 A.D.
- 1st – Tom Fitzgerald, Covina – 400 Years of Papal Coins 1470-1870
- 2nd – Jim Sharp, Port Hueneme – Two Firsts
- 3rd – Jose Castaneda, Los Angeles – Eagles on Mexican Coins

GROUP D – SUBSTITUTES FOR MONEY

None

GROUP E – PAPER MONEY
- 1st – Jose Casteneda, Los Angeles – Mexican Patriots on Cartones
- 2nd – James Warmus, Burbank – South Vietnam Paper Money
- 3rd – Frank Strazzarino, San Francisco – Paper Money of Italy

GROUP F – WOODEN MONEY
- 1st – Wayne Dennis, Torrance – Blaine, Washington Wooden Money
- 2nd – Wayne Dennis, Torrance – North Bend, Oregon Wooden Money
- 3rd – Luis Garcia, Montebello – Bicentennial Colonial Flags

GROUP G – ORDERS & DECORATIONS
- 1st – Larry Tapper, Tustin – Miniature Orders & Decorations
- 2nd – Clifford H. Bloom, San Francisco – Order of Franz Joseph
- 3rd – None

GROUP H – MEDALS
- 1st – Oscar Lopez, Los Angeles – Ten Medals of the Yanez Mint
- 2nd – Connie Sharp, Port Hueneme – Norman Rockwell's Medallic Tribute to Robert Frost
- 3rd – Catharine Edgerton, San Diego – 34 Events in the Heritage of the Golden West

GROUP I – MISCELLANEOUS
- 1st – Larry Tapper, Tustin – Coinage Alloys
- 2nd – Frank A. Earl, Jackson – Encased Cents
- 3rd – Richard C. Striley, Buena Park – Simulated Coins of Japan

GROUP J – JUNIOR
- 1st – Michelle Sharp, Port Hueneme – Panama Silver Coins
- 2nd – Regner Lopez, Los Angeles – Mexican Silver Commemorative Issues
- 3rd – John Phillips, Fresno – British Coinage Conversion
- 4th – Michelle Sharp, Port Hueneme – Happy Birthday America
- 5th – Ted Lopez, San Bernardino – Benito Juarez, 1806-1872

GROUP K – PNC
- 1st – Jim Sharp, Port Hueneme – Papa New Guinea, A New Nation
- 2nd – Everett Phillips, Fresno – CSNA PNC Covers
- 3rd – Philip Centman, Sr., San Diego – PNC's of Bermuda

GROUP L – BICENTENNIAL AMERICANA
- 1st – Clifford Liss, San Francisco – International Exposition – 1876 Philadelphia
- 2nd – Elizabeth L. Wisslead, Santa Ana – Numismatic Medley in Brown Paper
- 3rd – Deborah McKinney, Hawthorne – Bicentennial Medals of the 13 Original States

INVITATIONAL EXHIBITS

Harvey & Patsy Rose – 1776-1976 Bicentennial
Richard Hyde – Birth of an Art Medal
Vincent Beretta – 1932 Los Angeles Olympic Medals
Gordon Greene – Lincoln Memorabilia
Clay Read – Medals of the Seven Continents
Albert Hall – Aluminum Nickel
Virginia Hall – Birth of Calcoin News

BEST OF SHOW

Dan Harley, Hot Springs, Arkansas – The Waterloo Medal (Group H)
(Same exhibit won the Best in Exonumia Award)

CONVENTION CAMERA

Photos by Howard Chase

FRONT ROW at the FORUM — Betty Brander, Mr. and Mrs. Gearge Price, and Ed Bargolte.

President Burke presents "Randy" Briggs with the General Chairman's set of Canventian Medals.

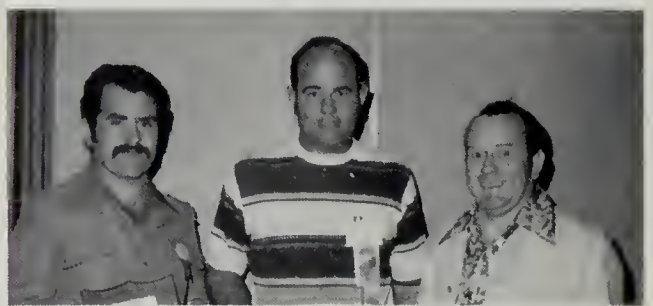
U.S. Winners — Ruth Phillips, 2nd; Frank Strazzarina, 3rd, and Cannie Sharp, 1st.

ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL — Larry Tapper, 1st, Jahn E. Lenker, 2nd.

BUSY BOURSE — Abe Kasaff and Ed Bargolte peruse the baurse.

Mrs. Whitnah, Anna Merle Panosh, and Virginia Culver enjays Friday Luncheon.

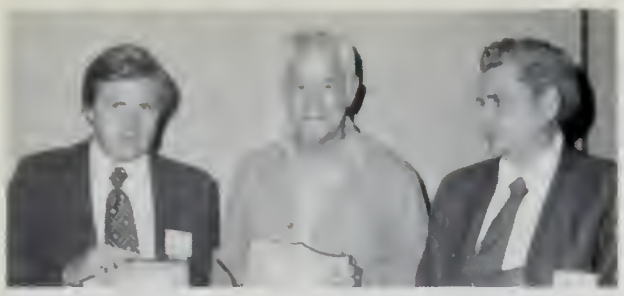
PAPER MONEY — Frank Strazzarina, 3rd; James Warmus, 1st; and Jase Casteneda, 1st.



MODERN FOREIGN — Jase Castaneda, 3rd; Jim Sharp, 2nd; and Tam Fitzgerald 1st.

Nana Maare, Brs. Chrm, and Narman Sturess, Asst. Brs. Chrm, (3rd fram right) enjay breakfast with family and friends.

BICENTENNIAL AMERICANA — Debarah McKinney, 3rd; Elizabeth L. Wisslead, 2nd; Cliffard Liss, 1st.



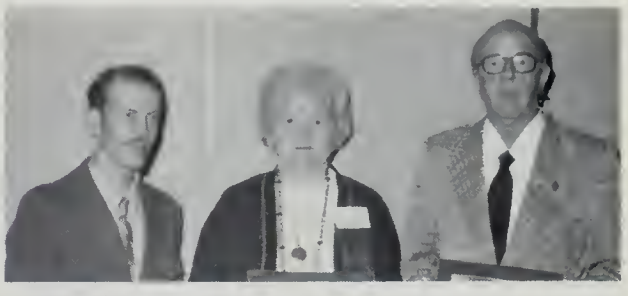
MISCELLANEOUS — Larry Tapper, 1st; Len Sterling accepting far Richard Striley, 3rd; Frank Earl, 2nd.

MEDALS — Catharine Edgertan, 3rd; Jose Casteneda accepting far Oscar Lapez, 1st; and Cannie Sharp, 2nd.

PNC'S — Jim Sharp, 1st; Everett Phillips, 2nd; Philip Centman, Sr., 3rd.

JUNIORS — Ruth Phillips accepting far John Phillips, 3rd; Ted Lopez, 5th; Michele Sharp, 1st and 4th; Jase Casteneda accepting far Regner Lapez, 2nd.

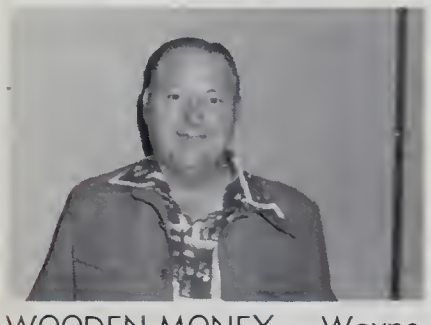
REGISTRATION — always the center of activity shows Charles Calver and helper. Ethel Lenhert was Registratian Chairman.



INVITATIONAL — Vince Beretta, Elizabeth L. Wisslead accepting far Richard Hyde, Gardan Z. Greene. Not shawn are Harvey and Patsy Rase, Clay Read, Albert and Virginia Hall.

CSNA President Bryan Burke presents Master af Ceremanies and Hanorary General Chairman Abe Kasaff a set af the 59th Semi-annual Canventian medals.

ORDERS & DECORATIONS — Larry Tapper, 1st; Cliffard H. Bloom, 2nd.



WOODEN MONEY — Wayne Dennis, with 1st and 2nd plaques; Luis Garcia took 3rd, nat shawn.

Fred Caaps of San Bernardina gives us a happy smile as his name is drawn for the roll of big nickels.

BEST OF SHOW — Dan Harley completes his callection af CSNA medals with the silver Best of Shaw award.

Another convention for MARVELOUS MATTIE, this makes her 58th.

FAITHFUL CONVENTION-eers, Anna Merle Panosh, Clay Read, Dorothy Chase.

Paul Whitnah salutes the young numismatists with educatianal avenues ta pursue.

James A. Conlon, Director of the Bureau af Engraving and Printing receives complimentary set of convention medals from CSNA President, Bryan Burke.

SAN BERNARDINO members Virginia Finley and Roberta Lenker handle big nickel tickets.

C.E.S. AWARD — Dan Harley accepts Best In Exonumia plaque from CES President Richard LeBold.

The Rudy Gjurovichs enjoy a delightful Friday luncheon with a little friend.

CSNA Visual Aid Programs

Stuart Edgerton, Custodian of Education Material, advises the availability of 16mm sound films from the CSNA Visual Aid Library. These four films are currently on loan from The Franklin Mint and are entitled as follows:

The Art of Minting — running time, 25 minutes.

Coinage of the British Virgin Islands, running time, 25 minutes.

Norman Rockwell's Medallic Tribute to Robert Frost, running time, 15 minutes.

Flowers of America, by Jeanne Holgate, running time, 12 minutes 45 seconds.

The list of CSNA slides are as follows:

"Coins of the Maldive Islands" by Tim Browder.

"Coins of Japan" by Al Baber.

"Tokens and Notes of the Hudson's Bay Co." by Jim Betton.

"Coins of Edward VIII" by Richard Trowbridge.

"Modern World Coins" by Mel Kohl.

"The Wedding of Coins and Stamps of Israel" by Mel Kohl.

"Tokens and Notes of the Maritime Provinces" by Jim Betton.

"The Story of Banking in Canada".

"Ethiopia: A Storehouse of Africa" by Mel Kohl.

"A Female Slave in Timbuktu" by Leona Kohl.

"A Wedding of Coins and Stamps" by Maury Gould.

Any club desiring to borrow the slides, or films, may do so by writing Stuart Edgerton, 3431 Carleton Street, San Diego, Ca. 92106. The only requirement is that the club be a member of CSNA and they pay the shipping and insurance charges.

Medal of Merit

The 3-inch silver medal has the words MEDAL OF MERIT around the upper rim of the obverse, the CSNA logo appears in the center, and the recipient's name is engraved around the lower edge. The reverse shows the lamp of knowledge over an open wreath at the bottom, and above, the date of the award, the specific number and location of the convention are inscribed.

CSNA's Medal of Merit is the highest award that can be bestowed upon CSNA members and is awarded for "outstanding service to CSNA – above and beyond the call of duty". At the fall convention at Disneyland, two members were so honored for their contributions to CSNA.

DOROTHY BEAULIEU has done a fantastic job as club librarian for the past fifteen years. She keeps tabs on several hundred books, periodicals and catalogs, plus issuing an extensive Library Catalog Index. She is a loyal club member, a staunch supporter of numismatics, and has devoted much time and effort for the betterment of the organization.

ED McCLUNG, a long time CSNA member, is active in furthering numismatics among the youth segment of our hobby. He established the Junior Scholarship Program, sponsors deserving juniors to the annual symposium, provides educational material throughout the year for young numismatists, and supports the symposium with PNC's and pinbacks.

Our heartiest CONGRATULATIONS to both Dorothy and Ed.

General Chairman "Randy" Briggs presents Forum Moderator's plaque to William O. Wisslead.

San Bernardino Juniors at Youth Program, Kevin Ashley and Holly Motte.

NEWS, VIEWS & WHOS. . .

South of the Tehachapis

By Elizabeth L. Wisslead, CSNA 720

FORTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES! !

Rubies are Red
1936 - 1976

John and **Roberta Lenker** of Redlands, Calif., married November 26, 1936.

Ray and **Thelma Case** of Santa Monica, Calif., married September 21, 1936.

Thomas and **Jeanne Wood** of North Hollywood, Calif., married April 28, 1936.

Congratulations and All Good Wishes to **ALL OF YOU! !**

NEW OFFICERS FOR THE CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY

The **California Exonumist Society** met on Saturday afternoon, November 20, 1976, during the **CSNA** Convention, and our own, **Virginia Culver,** installed the officers to serve a two year term. President, **Richard Lebold;** Vice-President, **Albert K. Hall;** Secretary, **Virginia Hall;** Treasurer, **Walter T. Snyder.** Directors: Elizabeth L. Wisslead, Editor; Gordon Z. Greene; G. A. Ayers; Albert L. Baber; Mary Capozzi; Anna Merle Panosh; William O. Wisslead; Douglas R. de Rome.

Nate Bromberg was Moderator and introduced **Jack R. Detwiler,** who presented an outstanding program on **"Collecting Store Cards From A to Z".**

Our own member, C-36, **Dan Harley,** won the BEST OF EXONUMIA AWARD for his Exhibit, **The Waterloo Medal.** Dan, also, won the CSNA's BEST OF SHOW Award.

EIGHTY MILLION YEARS OF HORSE ADAPTATION

Orange County Coin Club's Annual Installation Banquet, Saturday, January 29, 1977, will feature the theme **HORSES. L. M. Knill,** Ph.D., Professor, Physiology and Radiation Biology, will be the speaker, using as his topic **"Eighty Million Years of Horse Adaptation".** Dr. Knill states the horse has been the subject of his research for about the past 17 years. "The animal is unique and extraordinary from all aspects of biologic, biochemical, and behavioral interests. I am sure you appreciate the magnitude of time, therefore, I must 'skip' over a few million years." Dr. Knill is in the Biological Sciences Department, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Calif.

Banquet dinner tickets are a nominal amount of $5.00 each, and may be obtained from the **Orange County Coin Club.** Dinner is set for 7 p.m. in the Garden Room of The Steak House, Knotts Berry Farm, Buena Park, Calif. Each person attending will receive a coin depicting a horse.

MOST ARE HAPPY, BUT YOU CANNOT PLEASE THEM ALL! !

The glow of pride was still radiant when the bulletin arrived from the **West Valley Coin Club** on Wednesday, November 24, 1976. It contained the following from the Editor's Desk: "I attended the recent CSNA convention at the Disneyland Hotel, November 19, 20, and 21. While it is axiomatic in such cases that if it is not possible to say anything good then one is expected to say nothing. There is a galling matter upon which I can no longer remain silent.

The show, like all others was advertised to continue until 5:00 PM Sunday. When I arrived at 2:00 in the afternoon about a third of the dealers had departed and half of those remaining were making preparations for departure. The exhibit room was the scene of the same type of activity.

One of my guests was a young lady who was taking a great interest in the coin exhibits but we had to go from one to the other with such haste that a great deal of the pleasure was lost to her. Some kept on packing their displays as we tried to look at them.

I will continue editorial discussion on this matter in future issues of COIN but for now this will be enough.

— **George M. Baude,** Editor.

THANK YOU! ! BAKERSFIELD COIN CLUB AND SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COIN CLUB! !

Bulletins arrived recently from **Bakersfield Coin Club** and the **San Fernando Valley Coin Club.** It had been quite some time since we had heard from either. **Jim Betton** visited Bakersfield in September and presented the program, **The Mid-Winter Fair of 1894. Frances Stewart,** president and editor reports an active schedule for the club which meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month, Guarantee Room, Guarantee Savings, 5554 California Ave., Bakersfield, Calif. at 7:30 P.M.

San Fernando Valley Coin Club meets on the 2nd Monday, Elks Lodge Building, 145 East Palm Ave., Burbank, Calif., time 8 P.M. They recently heard **Sergeant Talbert Kanieher** of the Burbank Police Department talk about **"Police Badges".**

WE'VE LOST A FEW!!

A recent list given to me by our CSNA secretary shows the following clubs have not paid their dues for 1976: **California Foreign Coin Club; Canyon Country Coin Club; Garden Grove Coin Club; Modesto-Turlock Coin Club; Glendale Coin Club; San Diego Error Club.** Perhaps it is a break down in communications and someone in the club will take care of it promptly. CSNA has been very generous in sharing books, medals, etc. with the member clubs as well as furnishing speakers, slide programs, and other aids.

BOY SCOUT / GIRL SCOUT BENEFIT

Lawndale Coin Club holds an Annual Auction with net proceeds divided between the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. This has been a long time program and continues to aid the youth organizations in the community. **Bob Pleet** has been a devoted leader in the scouting program. The October meeting featured **William O. Wisslead** and **The Sound of the Liberty Bell.**

WORLD WAR II GAS SHORTAGE

The Santa Monica area had many active and interested collectors and numismatists. A shortage of gasoline made it more difficult to drive to Los Angeles to attend the California Coin Club, now **Los Angeles Coin Club.** In April of 1944 the **Bay Cities Coin Club** was founded and has been active for more than 32 years. Recently NASC President, **Ray Reinoehl,** presented his educational program on "**United States Trade Dollars**". The August program featured "**Large Size Silver Certificates**", a slide presentation of the old "Saddle Blanket" certificates issued from 1878 to 1923. "A part of our numismatic past." The club meets on the 3rd Thursday each month, Westdale Savings & Loan, Sepulveda & National Blvds., West Los Angeles, 8 P.M.

COUNTERFEIT COINS AND AUTHENTICATION

The Azteca Numismatic Society heard **Art Garnett** tell the members how to check coins for specific gravity and look at them under a high power microscope to determine authenticity.

TINTINNABULATION!! (Tin - ti - nab - u - la - shun)

The "Sound of the Liberty Bell" rang loud and clear at the October gathering of the **San Bernardino County Coin Club.** Our speaker, **William O. Wisslead,** gave his 28th presentation of this program, so you know it was a very popular one. His exhibit included the Franklin Half Dollar, the Sesquicentennial Commemorative Half Dollar of 1926, and the 1776-1976 Bicentennial Ike dollar.

The Coin Press reports Colonial Currency was the topic for September with **Elizabeth L. Wisslead** as the speaker.

The Coin Press won the American Numismatic Association award as being the **Outstanding Local Publication for 1975.** Congratulations to Editor **Virginia M. Hall.**

UNIVERSITY NUMISMATIC CLUB (Riverside)

AUGUST — **Don Dashner** spoke on "**The Spirit of '76**" and took everyone on a Bicentennial Wagon Train trip across the U.S.A. Don spent several days with the Western Wagon Train and related the day to day happenings as they went cross-country. Trains from Riverside, the State of Washington, Texas, New England, and the Great Lakes area all gathered at Valley Forge on July 4, 1976. All total there were over 260 wagons, over 1000 outriders, and as people joined the trains along the way there were some 40,000 riders that took part in this tribute to our Bicentennial. Don brought several mementos of the trip for us to see, such as placards with autographs of friends he made on the trip; pin-backs; medals; tokens; photographs; newspapers; souvenirs of all kinds made especially for the trip. Each night the train would circle their wagons, food was prepared in the chuck wagons and there was nightly entertainment of music and country dancing. Being a part of this wagon train created a feeling of deep appreciation for our forefathers and when it was all over, no one wanted to leave and go home. Don transferred this feeling to the audience. The many questions that were asked made us all feel a part of the trip.

SEPTEMBER — **Jerry Wenker** told the membership about a "**Criminal Case Involving Coins**" around the turn of the century. The individuals concerned asked for a roll of nickels at the bank and in reality received a roll of $5 gold coins. They did not open them up until later . . . the question was: Were they guilty at the time they received the coins at the bank? or later when they opened up the roll and saw in truth what they really had? This was very interesting and gave us a lot of food for thought.

The paper drive is progressing very well, a good way to recycle our usual throw-away items and at the same time add to the treasury for more benefits to the members.

OCTOBER — **Albert Hall** spoke on **The First Woman Director of the Mint — Nellie Tayloe Ross.** Mrs. Ross was also the first woman Governor of Wyoming as well as the United States and pioneered in fields never before tried by women. Many improved operating procedures were put into effect at her request which not only saved the country money but also increased production. Mrs. Ross was instrumental in the design and release of the Franklin Half Dollar.

Besides her Wyoming Governorship, raising four sons alone, twenty years as Director of the U. S. Mint (longest in history), she was a world wide lecturer, always aware of the plight of those less fortunate than herself. The life story of Nellie Tayloe Ross is one to be remembered.

REDLANDS COIN CLUB

The Redlands Coin Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 PM, Community Room, Provident Bank, 125 E. Citrus Ave., Redlands. The August program featured OTHER HOBBIES and brought forth many interesting items — onyx clocks and ornamental pieces; polished stones; hand made jewelry; military insignia. The COUNTRY OF BRAZIL was the subject of discussion in September and several displays showed the centavos and cruzerios through the years. **Columbus** was highlighted in October since the meeting was held on **Columbus Day. John Lenker** and **Al Hall** spoke on the commemorative coinage and trials Columbus encountered in obtaining permission and supplies for his voyage to the new world. A very interesting talk was presented by **Henri J. De Jager,** M.D., on the "Coins of Capetown, South Africa". A portfolio of coins was used to example the history of Capetown Coinage.

VERDUGO HILLS COIN CLUB

The October meeting featured a movie "**A Trip Through the Denver Mint**", under the guidance of **Walt Fritzsche.** Walt usually runs in a short comedy or two from his personal library of films. The speaker for November was **Phyllis Duncan** using as her topic "**Brass Checks and Red Lights**". The Club anticipates a move in January 1977 to the Glendale Federal Savings in Montrose. Increased rent at the present location has caused a problem for the club. **Elizabeth L. Wisslead** was the guest speaker in August, her topic "**Colonial Currency**", and **Bill Wisslead** talked about the A.N.A. (American Numismatic Association) progrom, membership values, etc.

TERMITE FOOD! !

Ralph A. "Curly" Mitchell recently talked about rare wooden money or script for the **California Wooden Money Association; William O. Wisslead** discussed "**Wood in General**", going back 160 million years, featuring the Bristle Cone Pine and the Giant Redwoods of California. **Ethel Stone** told about **Post Card Collecting,** dating back to the late 1700 period and early 1800. Anyone interested in joining the association may write to the secretary: **Roy Robbins,** 9827 Rufus Ave., Whittier, Calif. 90605. Dues are $3 per year. The Bulletin "Wood Winds" is published each month.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS! !

The **Azteca Numismatic Society** celebrated its 14th Anniversary on Friday, October 1, 1976 with a dinner in Burbank at Pepe's Restaurant.

Israel Numismatic Society of San Fernando Valley plans its 5th Anniversary Banquet on the regular meeting day, January 9, 1977, White Horse Inn, 17710 Roscoe Blvd., in Northridge, Calif.

La Mirada Coin Club is FOURTEEN and celebrated its 14th Anniversary with a POTLUCK DINNER on October 15, 1976.

Pomona Valley Coin Club held their Annual Birthday Potluck dinner meeting on October 2, 1976. The bulletin did not give age, but we know the club celebrated the 200th Meeting in July of 1976.

Upland Coin Club is Eighteen and celebrated its 18th Birthday with a POTLUCK DINNER, August 21, 1976. The club was founded in August 1958. Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday each month, Upland Lumber Co., 85 N. Euclid Ave., Upland, Calif., 8 P.M.

GREAT NEWS! ! We have Moved!

The Fountain Valley Coin Club will now be meeting at a new location: Tamura School, Multi Purpose Room, 17340 Santa Suzanne, Fountain Valley, Calif., the first Thursday of every month from 7:30 - 10:30 P.M. The Fountain Valley Coin Club is sponsored by the Fountain Valley School District Community School Program.

LOVE AND GET WELL WISHES

Lula Randall, wife of **Frank Randall,** recently celebrated her 81st Birthday at a **Downey Numismatist** Meeting. Now it has been reported she is confined to bed following a stroke. Lula and Frank have been active in The 49'er Coin Club, the Triangle Coin Club, the East Los Angeles Coin Club, **N.A.S.C.,** and others. We all wish her a very speedy recovery! ! God Bless.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY INTER-CLUB NUMISMATIC COUNCIL

Nineteenth Coinarama is a **Success.** General Chairman, **Don Bogar,** and his committee had a few surprises, but it did not dampen the financial and social success of the event. Many of the attendees turned out in red/white/blue to celebrate the bicentennial event. **Don Webb** reported the 43 dealers at 51 tables reported their business was good. 845 attendance was counted and many came both days but were counted only once by **Martha Darnell** and her committee. Wooden pieces were struck for the event, also, First Day covers, under the direction of **Jack Darnell. Ken DeHahn** chaired the exhibits. Best in Show went to the Ancient Club for "Decline and Fall of Roman Coins".

La Mesa Numismatic Society hosted the October 17th — Joint Meeting, at the La

Mesa Senior Citizen Recreation Center. Dorothy Baber, General Chairman, reported "the day is set aside for good fellowship, to meet old friends, swap coins and stories, and the registration fee remained the same as before — FREE." 128 attended the all-day meeting; 15 dealers and 13 exhibitors. Kay Edgerton won Best in Show.

Don Webb has been appointed General Chairman for the 20th COINARAMA, July 9, 10, 1977.

Recent programs presented before the San Diego Numismatic Society were: "What does a World Collector Collect?" by Don Farr; and "Coins of Newfoundland" by Al Baber.

Convair Coineers held their annual POT-LUCK dinner in September with Ralph A. "Curley" Mitchell presenting the program on The Franklin Mint. Home Security was discussed by Dan Van Antwerp during the November meeting.

Claremont Coin Club is searching for larger meeting space. Jim Heine told about P N C's at the November meeting.

International Numismatic Society of San Diego has researched and discussed the coinage of Canada, Mexico, Central America and South America. Peter & Betty Brander, very active in Mexico numsimatics showed slides of the Mints of Mexico, and a fine display of coins of Mexico. Harvey Rose told about the Central American countries, particularly Panama, Guatamala, Nicaragua. Anna Merle Panosh reports that recent 'visitors' were Aage and Violet Anderson.

NEW OFFICERS FOR FUN — Fontana United Numismatists

To guide the activities of FUN for 1976-1977, Pres. Alex Jaramillo; 1st VP, David Beaton; 2nd VP, Leonard Curlett; Treas., Norman Sturgess; Rec. Sec., Freddie Grant; Corres. Sec., Nona G. Moore; Librarian, Vickie Jaramillo; Directors: Manual Mejia; Helen Curlett; Chas. Lockridge; Hugh Paton. Immediate Past President, William Grant, will remain as a director. The Club meets on the 2nd Friday of each month, Eagle's Hall, Alder & Arrow in Fontana, 7:30 PM.

INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATICS

The Society of International Numismatics with meetings in Santa Monica and Monrovia. George Price talked about "Numismatic Books & Publications"; Peter Brander discussed Juarez Birthday Celebration; Thomas Fitzgerald told about the Coins of the Vatican; and Mel Kohl, Silver Dollars of Canada. A.N.A. PRESIDENT, Virgil Hancock, was the featured speaker for the Whittier Coin Club's Seventeenth Anniversary Meeting. William O. Wisslead and Eleanor Hancock braved the hurricane type storm to drive Virgil Hancock from the CNES Seminar in Pomona to the Whittier Coin Club Meeting on Sept. 10, 1976.

SPEAKER'S PLATFORM:

Roy Robbins, "Numismatic Personality Quiz — Who Am I?", Triangle Coin Club, Torrance Coin Club. "Numismatic Spelling Bee", Lawndale Coin Club.

Dr. Robert O'Brien, "Civil War Tokens", Triangle Coin Club; S.I.N., Santa Monica.

Sally Marx, "My Early Collecting of Israel Coins", INS San Gabriel Valley; "How to make Exhibits from Scratch", Upland Coin Club.

James R. 'Randy' Briggs, "Siege Notes of Khartoum", Hemet Numismatist.

John E. Lenker, "George III — Good Guy", Hemet Numismatist, Orange County Coin Club.

Helen Coombs, "The Masonic Medals of Israel", ICC of Los Angeles.

Charles G. Colver, "Hometown Banknotes", San Gabriel Valley Coin Club.

Leona Kohl, "Regal Portraits in Silver and Gold", West Valley Coin Club.

Raymond R. Reinochl, "The Flying Eagle Cent", Orange County Coin Club, Los Angeles Coin Club, Downey Numismatist, Glendale Coin Club.

G. A. Ayers, "Elongated Coins", Pomona Valley Coin Club; "The Liberty Bell", California Wooden Money Association.

George Beaude, "Coins & Curreney of the Ameriean Political Scene", Culver City Coin Club; Downey Numismatist.

Claude Watt, "My Bicentennial Trip in 1976", Tustin Coin Club, Orange Coast Coin Club.

Errol Korpinen, "Collecting Foreign Coins", a junior member, North Hollywood Coin Club.

Ozzie Stout, "Big Money, Small Money", Shamrock Coin Club, East Los Angeles Coin Club, Glendale Coin Club.

Ethel Lenhert, "Thomas Jefferson — The Man", Fontana United Numismatist.

Peggy E. Borgolte, "A Trip Through Malta", Los Angeles Coin Club.

Edwin C. Borgolte, "1976 A.N.A. Convention Tour to Aruba", Los Angeles Coin Club.

Sidney Fagatt, "Music in Israel Numismatics", INS San Fernando Valley.

Dr. Richard E. Dickerson, "Engraved Coins as Political Propaganda", San Gabriel Valley Coin Club.

Bruce Peterson, "Where Does Paper Money Come From", Culver City Coin Club.

William O. Wisslead, "The Great White Fleet", Long Beach Coin Club, Fountain Valley Coin Club, Torrance Coin Club. "The Sound of the Liberty Bell", Lawndale Coin Club, Pomona Valley Coin Club.

CLUB ELECTIONS! !

When you are asked to take an office for the coming year — Remember:

A tea kettle whistling on a stove was the beginning of the steam engine.

An apple falling from a tree caused the discovery of the law of gravity.

A spider web strung across a garden path suggested the suspension bridge.

A lantern swinging in a tower was the beginning of the pendulum.

IN MEMORIAM

John Charles Colver, born April 6, 1947, Pomona. Entered into Rest, November 18, 1976. Memorial Services, November 24, 1976. Interment, Oakdale Memorial Park, Glendora, Calif. Our love and sincere sympathy to Charles, Mary, Edward and Marylou Colver in the loss of their son and brother.

SEASONS GREETINGS AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!

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NEWS, VIEWS & WHOS. . .

North of the Tehachapis

By Jerry Kroeger, CSNA 18-4

Love Tokens

San Francisco Coin Club's Stuart Denton told all about Love Tokens and showed excellent examples from his collection at the August meeting. Other exhibitors were John Sears, Clifford Bloom and Ronald Johnson.

The always popular "Hobbies Night" brings out a variety of exhibits, and the September meeting was no exception. Nice exhibits and good descriptions were given by: Ken Takahashi, Model Trains and tie tacs with trains on them; Ron Johnson, Old comic books; Clifford Bloom, Autographs of Crown Heads of Europe; Stuart Denton, 1906 Quaker material; Carol Snedaker, American Indian Artifacts; Melvin Goldberg, Greek Coins; George Ham, Kites; Fern Smith, Musical powder boxes; Francis Wall, Candles; John Sears, First day covers; Bill Morgan, Ming Trees; Jules Jelinek, Music orchestrations. The 16th Anniversary Dinner was held at the United Irish Cultural Center, where Bingo was played after dinner.

Collecting

Fresno Numismatic Society's Dale Hewlett presented an interesting talk on coin collecting in general. The August meeting heard John Reynolds speak on Exonumia and what the sports buff can collect. F.N.S. held its Annual Coin-a-Rama in October. Attendance was over 500 which was up to expectations. Howard Dunklee reported a happy 12 dealers set up bourse tables. Marion and Don Miller rolled out 30th Anniversary Commemorative elongated cents at the show.

Meeting

San Jose Coin Club meets the first Tuesday of each month in the County Services Bldg. #3, 1555 Berger Road, San Jose, Calif., at 7:30 P.M.

New Interest

Napa Valley Coin Club seems to be growing by leaps and bounds. Pres. Don Schueler has all the enthusiasm that is needed, Auctions, Good talks, nice refreshments and Bingo Games, to keep everyone interested.

Interesting topics for the meetings are always well planned. The Nov. meeting highlighted the "Granite Lady" story of the old S.F. Mint. Jr. members are encouraged to attend and become involved in the future of the club.

Speakers

Vallejo Numismatic Society had three speakers for their August meeting, Al. Renn, Coins of Panama; Margaret Renn, The Philadelphia Mint and The Freedom Train; Mike Turrini, Canadian Silver Dollars, 1958 British Columbian commemoratives and the 1964 Charlottetown and the history of each.

V.N.S. has been having an increased attendance caused by the door prizes of gold coins. Edgar Fulwider, President of PCNS, spoke and showed slides on the minting of Proof coins at the San Francisco Mint at a recent meeting.

Potpourri

Speaking of Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, here we are with a few program high-lights. Michel Perekrestenko displayed a gilded medal minted in Osaka, Japan honoring Fort Ross. Ed Fulwider presented up dates on happenings, programs and future plans for the mint and what to expect in 1977. The September meeting featured a "White Elephant" auction with Larry Reppeteau as auctioneer, assisted by Frank Strazzarino and Jay Patterson.

THE GRANITE LADY

After long years of planning and planning, then an equal number of years in construction, the Beautiful Old Mint at 5th and Mission St., San Francisco, has seen the end to hammers and saws. The result is rewarding and feel sure that Mrs. Mary Brooks, Director of the Mint, feels very proud of herself and her staff that worked so diligently for the completion of the work.

The U.S. Treasury Department, along with the Market Street Development Project, hosted an evening to celebrate the completion of the restoration of the Historic Old Mint, where the guests had an opportunity to meet with Mrs. Brooks and tour the Mint.

The Main Floor is a museum and is open to the public, 10 AM - 4 PM, Tuesdays thru Saturday. Admission is free. Remember the PCNS Numismatic Library is on the 2nd floor and is open by appointment, call 556-3630 to do so.

U.S. MINT ITEMS

The U.S. Mint has finished its Bicentennial program and has terminated 350 temporary positions at the San Francisco Assay Office. The Bicentennial designs will be dropped next year and the coins will return to the old designs. There will be no 1977 Eisenhower dollars except in the 1977 proof sets. They will not be in the uncirculated mint sets as Denver and Philadelphia will not be striking Eisenhower dollars. The Washington quarter's master die will be reworked to produce a clearer strike. The San Francisco Assay Office has been steadily reducing the amount of its silver and gold bullion deposits. Most of its vaults are now empty. The "S" mint is losing most of its foreign coin orders due to competition from the Canadian mint in Ottawa, also new mints in England and Germany. The new Philippine Mint will open next year and go into business for itself, after almost 80 years of having its coins produced here. The "S" mint is now filling an order for 1976 Philippine coins in 1 peso, 5 centimos and 10 centimos denominations. Other orders in the offing are coins for Ecuador, Peru and possibly some stainless steel coins for Bangladesh. No more orders from Panama. The "S" mint lost a recent large coin order from Taiwan to the Franklin Mint. The Research Triangle Institute is making a survey for the U.S. Mint of coins which will be needed for the next 20 to 30 years.

(From PCNS bulletin, Sept. 1976)

BANK MUSEUMS

In addition to the "Old Mint" Museum at 5th and Mission, San Francisco has a trio of bank museum attractions in its financial district. There are the Wells Fargo Bank's History Room at 420 Montgomery Street; the Bank of California's Gold Museum, about the middle of the 400 block on the north side of California Street; and the display of gold nuggets, etc., on the third level of the Bank of America's headquarters building on California Street. Admission is free and they are open during banking hours. Visit the PCNS Numismatic Library on the second floor of the Old Mint building, 5th and Mission Sts., San Francisco.

(From PCNS bulletin, August 1976)

$1,000,000 GOLD COIN

The 1907 Indian Head $20 gold pattern coin, valued at $1 million by its current owner went on display at the Old Mint Museum in San Francisco, California Tuesday, November 9, 1976.

The unique gold piece is on loan to the museum for six months in celebration of the completion of the restoration of the Old Mint, a national landmark building.

The history of this one-of-a-kind gold piece, reputed to be the world's most valuable coin, is noted for its past moments of mystery. It was commissioned by a U.S. President, Theodore Roosevelt, who rejected the design in favor of the standing Liberty figure for the $20 gold coin. It was designed by one of America's then most famous sculptors, Augustus Saint-Gaudens. And, subsequently, it was acquired by a king, Farouk of Egypt.

Apparently, this lone gold pattern specimen was struck in the spring of 1907. In August of that year, the designer, Saint-Gaudens died — and the fate of the pattern piece was lost to public knowledge.

Then, in the early 1930's, the piece publicly surfaced in the possession of a coin collector who was offering it for sale at $10,000. At the time, a go-between in the transaction wrote that the collector had acquired it directly from the Estate of Charles E. Barber, the Mint's Chief Engraver from 1879 to 1917, the year of his death.

Thereafter, the rare gold pattern passed from collection-to-collection at fluctuating prices. The late King Farouk paid about $9,900 for it. After his death, it was reacquired in 1954 for $3,444.00. The escalating purchase figures of more recent acquisitions have not been publicly disclosed, but the current owner has insured the unique gold piece for $1 million.

The Old Mint Museum, Fifth and Mission Streets, San Francisco, Ca. is open for public tours Tuesday through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no admission charge.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 29-30, 1977
San Jose Coin Club, 9th annual
LeBaron Hotel
Don Pritchett, Bourse Chr.
P.O. Box 5621, San Jose, 95150

March 27, 1977
San Francisco Coin Club, annual
Jack Tar Hotel
San Francisco Coin Club
P.O. Box 27006
San Francisco, 94127

May 1, 1977
Vallejo Numismatic Society, 5th Annual
Foley Cultural Center, Vallejo
Jack S. Tesolin, P.O. Box 4281
Vallejo, 95490

Treasurer's Report

Ruth M. Phillips, CSNA 942

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT
November 1, 1975 to October 31, 1976

BALANCE IN COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT, NOVEMBER 1, 1975 ..... $ 297.51

RECEIPTS:

Dues	$ 5,317.00	
Book Sales	1,649.30	
Medal Sales	4,557.45	
PNC, Pin Back & Mirror Sales	435.10	
Case Rental & Related Receipts	35.00	
Bourse Receipts and Deposits	18,062.50	
Registration and Meals	3,630.95	
Interest	862.37	
Junior Scholarship Fund Donations	857.00	
Sales Tax Collected	88.68	
Symposium Receipts	526.50	
1 Life Membership	100.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	134.27	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$36,256.12
TOTAL		$36,553.63

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57th, 58th & 59th Convention Expenses	21,526.84	
Postage & Printing	2,349.55	
Club Membership Dues	42.00	
Case & Book Storage & Handling	333.00	
State Board of Equalization (Sales Tax)	312.92	
Symposium Expense	1,940.61	
Money Talks, Club Mailing Expense	57.29	
Library Expenses	336.15	
Editor's & (2) Assistant Editors' Expenses	325.69	
Curator's Expenses	88.50	
President's Expenses	245.26	
Legal Advisor's Expenses	39.64	
ANA Club Liability Insurance	213.00	
Junior Scholarship Expenses	319.95	
Interest Transferred to Savings Account	858.53	
Miscellaneous Expenses	255.39	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		$34,905.96
Balance in Commercial Account, October 31, 1976		$ 1,647.67
Net Operating Gain		$ 1,350.16
Balance on Deposit in Savings Account		$12,159.05
Life Membership Fund		5,234.00
Balance in Commercial Account		1,647.67
NET WORTH		$19,040.72

From the Desk of the Secretary

Charles G. Colver, CSNA 6-1

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(sponsored by G. Lee Kuntz)

3184 DARKE, James G. . . . . .
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3185 PANNIER, Bill . . . . . 123 N. Raymond, Fullerton, Calif. 92631
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3186 RASCHKE, Duane D. . . P.O. Box 1076, Temple City, Calif. 91780
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3187 HOWELL, Kurt D. . . . . P.O. Box 171, Crestline, Calif. 92325
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3188 FINLEY, Virginia . . . . . 9337 Lime, Fontana, Calif. 92335
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3189 KOLBE, G. Frederick . . P.O. Box 2097, Mission Viejo, Calif. 92675
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3190 STRILEY, Richard C. . . 7691 El Monte Dr., Buena Park, Calif. 90620
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DECEASED

1-36 JONES, Charles V. . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.

67 FANNING, W. R. . . . . Rogue River, Oregon

2772 STEWART, George W., Jr. . . . . North Highlands, Calif.

ADDRESS UNKNOWN

3036 McFAUL, Tom

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership, Aug. 10, 1976	1324
New Members, Aug. 11 to Nov 10, 1976	25
Deceased	3
Address Unknown	1
Net Membership, Nov. 10, 1976	1345
Total Life Memberships	111

The Granite Lady Is Crowned

In celebration of the completion of the restoration of the Old San Francisco Mint, the Market Street Development Project and Mint Director Mary Brooks held a reception at the Old Mint on Sunday, November 7, 1976 from 4 to 6 P.M. to thank many of the individuals and groups that fought so successfully to save the Old Mint from demolition.

A new Old San Francisco Mint souvenir medal, dated to mark the completion of the restoration of the national landmark building, was part of the celebration. The design of the bronze medal, 1½" in diameter, features a portrait of Mint Director Mary Brooks on the obverse and a view of the Old Mint and the date November 9, 1976 on the reverse.

A limit of 10,000 specimens of the new souvenir medal has been set and they will be available only at the Old Mint in San Francisco. No mail orders will be accepted. Visitors may purchase bronze blanks and strike their own medal on the specially-automated 1869 press in the Old Mint Museum — or purchase the new medal over-the-counter at the Old Mint.

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The Old Mint U.S. Treasury Department

Calendar of Numismatic Events

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

March 12, 1977 . . . . . 9th Annual CSNA Educational Symposium
Holiday Hall — Fullerton Holiday Inn, Riverside Fwy Harbor Blvd. 10:30 A.M.
William O. Wisslead, General Chairman

April 22-24, 1977 . . . . . 60th Semi-Annual Convention
Jack Tar Hotel, San Franciseo
Frank Strazzarino, General Chairman, 637 Brussels St., San Francisco 94134

October 21-23, 1977 . . . . . 61st Semi-Annual Convention
Covina Coin Club, Disneyland Convention Hall
Ethel Lenhert, General Chairman, P. O. Box 63, Upland 91786

April 21-23, 1978 . . . . . 62nd Semi-Annual Convention
Jack Tar Hotel, San Franeisco

October 27-29, 1978 . . . . . 63rd Semi-Annual Convention
Joint Sponsors: Bay Cities Coin Club, Santa Monica
Culver City Coin Club, Culver City
Phil Iverson, General Chairman, P. O. Box 1252, Santa Monica 90401

April 19-22, 1979 . . . . . 64th Semi-Annual Convention
Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco

Fall, 1979 . . . . . 65th Semi-Annual Convention
Orange County Coin Club, Disneyland Convention Hall
Elizabeth L. Wisslead, General Chairman, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana 92707

Jim Betton, Bourse Coordinator, P.O. Box 533, Santa Monica, California 90406
To be contacted for bourse application to any CSNA convention.

OTHERS

January 16, 1977 . . . . . 14th Annual Coin Show
San Bernardino County Coin Club, Conv. Ctr., 2nd & "E" Sts., San Bernardino
Albert K. Hall, General Chairman, P. O. Box 1028, Colton 92324
Norman Sturgess, Bourse Chairman, P. O. Box 1028, Colton 92324
Dave Simpkins, Exhibit Chairman, 25596 E. 18th St., San Bernardino 92404

January 29-30, 1977 . . . . . 9th Annual Coin Show
San Jose Coin Club, LeBaron Hotel (betwcen Bayshore & Highway 17) San Jose
Bourse Chairman, Don Pritchett, P. O. Box 5621, San Jose 95150

February 24-27, 1977 . . . . . 22nd Annual Convention
Numismatic Association of Southern California
Los Angeles Hilton, 7th & Figueroa
Bourse Chrm., Jerry Yahalom, P.O. Box 619, Encino 91316

March 6, 1977 . . . . . Coin Show
Redwood Empire Coin Club, Santa Rosa Jr. College Cafeteria, 1501 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa 95401
Bourse Chairman, Boris Fomin, P. O. Box 401-F, Healdsburg 95448

Mareh 20, 1977 . . . . . 13th Annual Coin Show
Nappa Valley Coin Club, Napa Town & Country Fairgrounds, Napa
Information: M/M George H. Wells, 313 Tammy Way, Napa 94558

March 27, 1977 . . . . . 12th Annual Coin Show
Verdugo Hills Coin Club, Sterlings Restaurant, 8737 Fenwiek St., Sunland
Boursc Chairman, Rick Gordon, 10545 Whitegate, Sunland 91040

April 3, 1977 . . . . . 9th Annual Coin Show
Salinas Coin Club, 48 San Joaquin St., Salinas
Chairman, Gordon D. Rammer, 1360 Josselyn Cyn Rd. #18, Monterey 93940

May 1, 1977 . . . . . 5th Annual Coin Show
Vallejo Numismatic Society, Foley Cultural Center, Vallejo
Info., Michael S. Turrini, P. O. Box 4281, Vallejo 94590
Exhibits: Al Renn, P. O. Box 4281, Vallejo 94590

July 31, 1977 . . . . . C.E.S. 16th Annual Collectable Show
Holiday Inn at Fullerton, Riverside Fwy (91) at Harbor Blvd., Fullerton
Information: Al and Virginia Hall, P. O. Box 1028, Colton 92324